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ATTITUDES OF HIS FUTURE GOVERNMENT TOWARD SECURITY FORCES AND
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

1. IN WRITTEN STATEMENT GIVEN TO CARIBE AND PUBLISHED IN
THAT NEWSPAPER MAY 22, PRD PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ANTONIO
GUZMAN OUTLINED ATTITUDE HIS GOVERNMENT WILL ADOPT TOWARD
SECURITY FORCES AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. TEXT OF STATE-
MENT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: INFORMED THAT SECTORS ARE INTERESTED IN
CAUSING UNEASINESS WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES AND NATIONAL
POLICE AS WELL AS AMONG EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC ADMINI-
STRATION, I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT IN THE CONSTITU-
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TIONAL GOVERNMENT THAT I WILL HEAD BEGINNING NEXT
AUGUST 16:

1) I WILL NOT LOOK BACK, I WILL LOOK ONLY FORWARD,
I WILL NOT JUDGE ANYBODY BY PAST EVENTS AND I WILL
CONSIDER MEN AND WOMEN FOR WHAT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE FOR
THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY AFTER NEXT AUGUST 16.

2) I WILL RESPECT THE INSTITUTIONALITY OF OUR MILITARY BODIES SINCE THE DOMINICAN STATE CANNOT BE CONCEIVED OF WITHOUT THEM.

3) ABSOLUTELY NO MEMBER OF OUR ARMED INSTITUTIONS WILL BE DISMISSED UNLESS AFTER AUGUST 16, 1978, HE COMMITS GRAVE ERRORS WHICH VIOLATE THE ORGANIC LAW OF THE ARMED FORCES AND OF THE NATIONAL POLICE.

4) IN NO CASE WILL EX-MILITARY BE NAMED TO COMMAND POSITIONS, INCLUDING THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THE HEAD OF THE NATIONAL POLICE, SINCE THESE POSITIONS ARE RESERVED FOR ACTIVE MILITARY AND POLICE.

5) THE ORGANIC LAW OF THE MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE NEXT GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THE ARMED FORCES AND THE POLICE.

6) PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS WILL NOT BE THE VICTIMS OF UNJUSTIFIED DISMISSALS.

BESIDES, I REITERATE MY CALL TO THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE TO MAINTAIN CALM AND GOOD UNDERSTANDING THAT MUST EXIST WITHIN A DEMOCRATIC AND JUST REGIME. AT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SAME TIME ALL DOMINICANS MUST KEEP VIGILANT TOWARD ENEMIES OF DEMOCRACY, CONCORD AND PEACE.

THE THREATS WHICH ENEMIES OF THE PRD ARE MAKING BY TELEPHONE AND OTHER MEANS, PRETENDING TO BE MEMBERS OF OUR PARTY, AND OTHER METHODS USED TO CONFUSE AND INTIMIDATE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE POPULATION SHOULD BE DISREGARDED AND CONSIDERED FOR WHAT THEY ARE: MANEUVERS AGAINST THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE.

WE REPEAT THAT IN THE ELECTIONS THERE SHOULD BE NEITHER VICTORS NOR VANQUISHED. THAT THE SOLE GAINER IS THE COUNTRY AND REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY.

FINALLY, I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT ONLY THE UNDER-SIGNED CAN MAKE STATEMENTS ON THE MEASURES WHICH THE NEXT GOVERNMENT OF ALL DOMINICANS WILL TAKE. ANY STATEMENT IN THIS SENSE WHICH MAY BE MADE BY ANOTHER PERSON SHOULD BE TAKEN AS A PURELY PERSONAL OPINION. END QUOTE. YOST

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